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Memorandum of Conversation

DATE: August 8, 1972

SUBJECT: Location of SALT Phase II

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As a follow-up to Mr. Farley's phone conversation with Vorontsov of the Soviet Embassy (reported in separate MemCon) Yereskovski came in, at my request, to receive a copy of Talking Points attached hereto.

At Yereskovski's request I reviewed the previous US and Soviet exchanges regarding the locale for Phase II of SALT, and noted that the Talking Points we were providing were at the request of Vorontsov, in order to ensure that the US and USSR took a similar line with the Finns and Austrians and with the press. Yereskovski asked if he was correct in understanding that there was now full agreement on Geneva as the site for Phase II of SALT. I responded that there was full agreement between the US and Soviet Governments on Geneva as the permanent site for Phase II of SALT, however, as both Messrs. Farley and Garthoff had indicated to Vorontsov there remained the possibility that the first session of SALT Phase II might be in Vienna, depending upon the resumption date to be agreed

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upon between our two governments and the availability of suitable facilities for the US SALT Delegation in Geneva. I called his attention to Point 5 in the attached Talking Points; he read the points without making any comment thereon beyond a "thank you very much."

2 Attachs.

Tab A - Talking Points for Use w/Gov'ts of Finland and Austria re Locale for Phase II of SALT

Tab B - Points to be Incorporated in Press Release Re Locale of Phase II of SALT

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SUBJECT: Talking Points for Use With the Governments of Finland and Austria Regarding Locale for Phase II of SALT

- 1. While Helsinki and Vienna provided excellent facilities and hospitality during SALT I, there will be significant administrative and financial advantages in selecting a single location for future SALT rather than continuing to rotate between two sites.
- The U.S. and Soviet Governments have reached agreement on Geneva as the single location for Phase II of SALT and the Swiss Government has accepted.
- 3. The privacy of SALT is now well established; thus there are no serious disadvantages of having SALT take place in the same city as other arms control discussions.
- 4. Express our appreciation for the support and cooperation received from the host governments throughout Phase I of SALY.
- 5. No date has been established for the opening session of SALT Phase II, although mid-October has been mentioned. Should it be agreed to start Phase II of SALT before the US Delegation has acquired suitable facilities in Ceneva, the opening session may take place in Vienna.

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Points to be Incorporated in Press Release Regarding Locale of Phase II of SALT.

- 1. Governments of US and USSR have agreed Geneva, Switzerland as the location for SALT Phase II negotiations.
- 2. The Swiss Government has indicated they would welcome the SALT negotiations to Geneva.
- 3. The Governments of the US and USSR express their sincere appreciation for the wholehearted support and cooperation received from the Governments of Finland and Austria throughout Phase I of SALT.
- 4. The US and USSR came to the conclusion that because of administrative problems involved in the rotation between Helsinki and Vienna, it would be more advantageous to settle on a single location.
- 5. No date has been established for the opening of SALT Phase XI; should the agreed date be before the US SALT Delegation has acquired suitable facilities in Geneva the opening sension may take place in Vienna.